

Metaphors and You

A **metaphor** refers to a meaning or identity ascribed to one subject by way of another. In a metaphor, one subject is implied to be another so as to draw a comparison between their similarities and shared traits. A metaphor compares two unlike things without using *like* or *as*.

Take three minutes to look at the objects you and your partner or your group have been given. Decide which one you could best use to describe yourself. For example, “I am like this basket because I like to collect lots of things. I collect shells and rocks on vacation, I collect magnets and I collect conversations (in my journal). But, like the basket that can be turned over to make it empty again, I am always ready to collect or try something new.”

The person in each group wearing the most green should go first. It is okay if more than one person chooses the same object, but like you, your response should be unique!

Metaphors and You Homework

Please find an object in your home that you could use to describe yourself as a learner, reader or writer. Remember, your “metaphor object” should be *unlike* you. (Don’t choose your piano because you like to play the piano.) You do not need to bring your object to class. Write one to two paragraphs making two or three observations about yourself and how you learn, how you read or how you write. Be creative and don’t get frustrated if you find this difficult. Simply do your best. Thank you.



*“Good news.
The test results show it’s a metaphor.”*

<http://www.metaphorexamples.com/>



*“Could you ask me how school was later?
Right now I’m off-line.”*

First and last name: _____ Class period: _____ DW/HW